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SUBJECT: GAZANKULU CHIEF MINISTER DISAPPROVES OF SABA

1. MARCH 18 PRESS QUOTED CHIEF MINISTER HUDSON NTSANWISI OF GAZANKULU AS SAYING THAT HE DISAPPROVED OF THE NEW SOUTH AFRICAN BLACK ALLIANCE (SAPA) INSPIRED BY KWAZULU LEADER CHIEF BUTHELEZI. SPEAKING AT HIS HOMELAND CAPITAL OF GIYANI, NTSANWISI TOLD THE PRESS THAT HE BELIEVED IN A NATIONAL CONVENTION OF ALL LEADERS, BLACK AND WHITE, WHERE THEY COULD HAMMER OUT A NEW FORM OF GOVERNMENT IN WHICH ALL GROUPS PARTICIPATE "WITHOUT ONE SECTOR PRESCRIBING TO ANOTHER." HE SAID "INKATHA IS A PREDOMINANTLY ZULU ORGANIZATION... (AND ALTHOUGH) I HAVE NOTHING AGAINST THE COLOURED AND INDIANS PARTICIPATING, I AM NOT FOR SUCH ALLIANCES. AS ONE WHO HAS ALL ALONG FOUGHT FOR SOUTH AFRICANISM, I AM NOT FOR ANY ALLIANCES OUTSIDE THIS PRINCIPLE." NTSANWISI ALSO REJECTED THE SAG'S CONSTITUTIONAL PROPOSALS THAT BRING COLOREDS AND

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INDIANS INTO A NEW CONSTITUTIONAL DISPNSATION. HE SAID THE COUNTRY SHOULD WORK FOR THE DIGNITY OF ALL HUMANS IRRESPECTIVE OF COLOR, THE ABOLITION OF DISCRIMINATORY LEGISLATION, THE RECOGNITION OF THE PERMANENCE OF THE URBAN BLACK AND TH ACCORDANCE OF HIS FULL CITIZENSHIP RIGHTS.

2. COMMENT: AS THE HOMELAND LEADER WHO HAD MOST ACTIVELY JOINED BUTHELEZI IN THE LATTER'S ATTEMPT TO FORM THE BLACK UNITY FRONT IN 1976 AND EARLY 1977, IT IS SIGNIFICANT THAT NTSANWISI CHOOSES NOW TO REJECT BUTHELEZI'S NEW UNITY ATTEMPT. THE EARLIER EFFORT WAS BASED ON CONTACT WITH URBAN BLACK GROUPS AND IT MAY BE THE LACK OF THIS SEGMENT OF THE COMMUNITY IN THE NEW EFFORT THAT HAS PUT NTSANWISI OFF. AS ONE OF THE MOST RESPECTED HOMELAND LEADERS IN URBAN AREAS, NTSANWISI'S CONDEMNATION WILL NOT BE HELPFUL TO THE ATTEMPT TO BROADEN THE BASE OF SABA.
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